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**FOR** 

NOVEL VACCINE DEVELOPMENT

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

In Claim 22, line 2, delete "or a vaccine according to Claim 2".

Please add the following new claim:

--23. A nucleic acid molecule encoding a vaccine according to Claim 2.--.

## **REMARKS**

The above amendments to the claims are submitted in advance of examination to conform the dependency of the claims to U.S. practice.

In view of the above and foregoing, early examination and favorable consideration of the present Application as amended is believed to be in order and is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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